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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK AUTOMOTIVE AND AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
INDUSTRY.

1. ARTICLE BY JIRI KARAS OF CZECHOSLOVAK AUTOMOTIVE-REPAIR INDUSTRY SUPPLIES INTERESTING NEW DATA ON PROJECTED GROWTH OF AUTOMOTIVE AND AUTOMOTIVE-REPAIR INDUSTRY HERE, WHICH SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO U.S. SUPPLIERS. WE SUGGEST COMMERCE PASS THIS INFORMATION IN PARTICULAR TO SMITH AND STRUPP OF GENERAL MOTORS, TO U.S. FIRMS VISITED BY CAPADLO OF SKODA THIS SPRING, AND TO MEMBERS OF U.S. 1972 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION.

2. ARTICLE, IN ISSUE NO, 10 OF "PLANOVANE HOSPODARSTVI" ("PLANNED ECONOMY"), STATES THAT RATIO OF PASSENGER CARS AND LIGHT DELIVERY VEHICLES TO INHABITANTS, WHICH WAS 1 TO 12.4 IN 1972, WILL REACH 1 TO 9.3 IN 1975 AND 1 TO 6.8 IN 1980. NUMBER OF PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES IS TO GROW BY 200,000 YEARLY (APPARENTLY INCLUDING IMPORTS) DURING 1976-1980 PLAN, AND BY 300,000 YEARLY AFTER 1980, WITH MUCH LOWER RATE OF INCREASE FOR TRUCK AND BUS FLEETS. KARAS STATES THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRESENTLY HAS SOMETHING OVER 1,000 AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOPS, PRESENTLY DOING 4.6 BILLION CROWNS WORTH OF BUSINESS

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ANNUALLY, TO INCREASE TO 5.5 BILLION CROWNS BY 1975.

NEW INVESTMENT IN REPAIR SHOPS WILL AMOUNT TO 2.3 BILLION CROWNS DURING 1971-1975 PLAN. HOWEVER, KARAS SAYS, EVEN THIS CANNOT SATISFY RAPIDLY INCREASING DEMANDS ON SERVICE FACILITIES, AND HE CALLS FOR INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE RATIONALIZATION IN THIS FIELD.

3. MAGAZINE, WITH KARAS ARTICLE ON PP. 49-60, BEING POUCHED TO COMMERCE/DIBA-558. IF FULL TRANSLATION IS MADE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COPY.
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